

## Reversible Dimerization of (+)-Myrmicarin 215B

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**General Procedures.** All reactions were performed in dry 5 mm o.d. NMR tubes for *in situ* reaction monitoring. The NMR tubes were fitted with rubber septa and reactions were conducted under a positive pressure of argon. Stainless steel syringes or cannulae were used to transfer air- and moisture-sensitive liquids. Flash column chromatography was performed as described by Still et al. using silica gel (60 Å pore size, 40–63 µm, 4–6% H<sub>2</sub>O content, Zeochem).<sup>1</sup> Where necessary (noted), silica gel was neutralized by treatment of the silica gel prior to chromatography with the eluent containing 2.5% triethylamine. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230–400 mesh silica gel or alumina gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Where necessary (noted), silica gel plates were neutralized by treatment with a solution of 2.5% triethylamine in ethyl acetate followed by heating on a hot plate (~250 °C). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light and/or by exposure to an aqueous solution of ceric ammonium molybdate (CAM) followed by heating (<1 min) on a hot plate (~250 °C). Organic solutions were concentrated on Büchi R-200 rotary evaporators at ~20 Torr at 25–35 °C unless otherwise indicated.

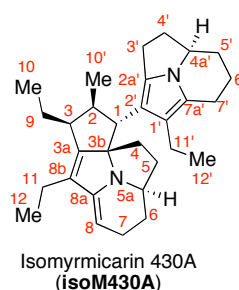
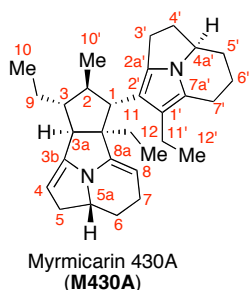
**Materials.** Commercial reagents and solvents were used as received. Dichloromethane-*d*<sub>2</sub> solutions were deoxygenated by alternate freeze (liquid nitrogen)/evacuation/argon-flush/thaw cycles (FPT, three iterations) and neutralized by stirring over potassium carbonate.

**Instrumentation.** Solutions were irradiated using a Hanovia 450-watt medium pressure mercury lamp at a distance of 7.0 cm from the lamp and a temperature of 23 °C. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR) spectra were recorded with a Varian inverse probe 500 INOVA spectrometer or a Bruker inverse probe 600 Avance spectrometer. Chemical shifts are recorded in parts per million

<sup>1</sup> Still, W. C.; Kahn, M.; Mitra, A. *J. Org. Chem.* **1978**, *43*, 2923–2925.

on the  $\delta$  scale and are referenced from the residual protium in the NMR solvent ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_5\text{H}$ :  $\delta$  7.16). Data is reported as follows: chemical shift [multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad), coupling constant(s) in Hertz, integration, assignment]. Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance ( $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR) spectra were recorded with a Varian 500 INOVA spectrometer. Chemical shifts are recorded in parts per million on the  $\delta$  scale and are referenced from the carbon resonances of the solvent ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ :  $\delta$  128.4). Infrared data were obtained with a Perkin-Elmer 2000 FT-IR and are reported as follows: [frequency of absorption ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), intensity of absorption (s = strong, m = medium, w = weak, br = broad), assignment]. We are grateful to Dr. Li Li for obtaining the mass spectroscopic data at the Department of Chemistry's Instrumentation Facility, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker APEX 4.7 Tesler FTMS spectrometer using electrospray ion source (ESI).

**Positional Numbering System.** For direct comparison, the numbering scheme used for dimeric compounds is consistent with that used by Schröder and coworkers in the isolation paper for myrmicarin 430A<sup>2</sup> and that used previously by us for isomyrmicarin 430A.<sup>3</sup>



<sup>2</sup> Schröder, F.; Sinnwell, V.; Baumann, H.; Kaib, M. *Chem. Commun.* **1996**, 18, 2139–2140.

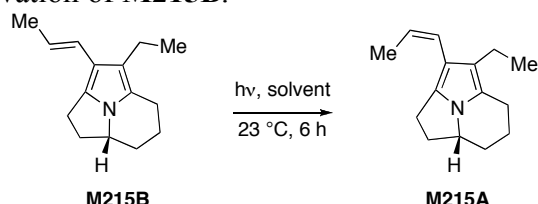
<sup>3</sup> Ondrus, A. E.; Movassaghi, M. *Tetrahedron* **2005**, 62, 5287–5297.

## Additional Notes.

### A) Supplementary notes on photochemical irradiation of **M215B**:

- Irradiation of a solution of **M215B** in benzene, acetonitrile, or hexanes using a 450-watt medium-pressure mercury lamp effected partial isomerization to the **M215A** olefin isomer (Table S1).
- Irradiation of a methanolic solution of **M215B** provided both **M215A** and methanol adduct **S1** as a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers (Scheme S1).<sup>4</sup>
- **M215A** was not detected during irradiation of **M215B** in dichloromethane-*d*<sub>2</sub>.

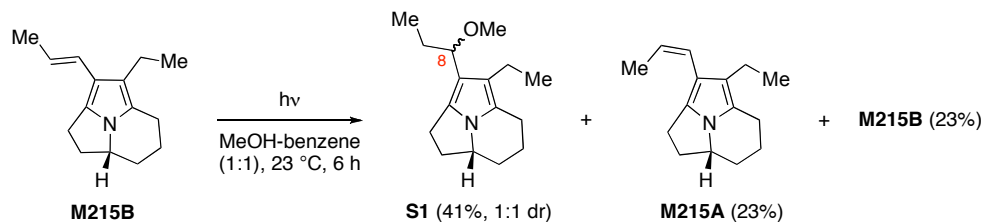
**Table S1.** Photochemical activation of **M215B**.<sup>a</sup>



solvent	product ratio		isolated yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
	<b>M215A</b>	<b>M215B</b>	
CH <sub>3</sub> CN	16	84	76
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	33	67	93
hexanes	19	81	60

<sup>a</sup> Combined isolated yield; ratio determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

### Scheme S1.

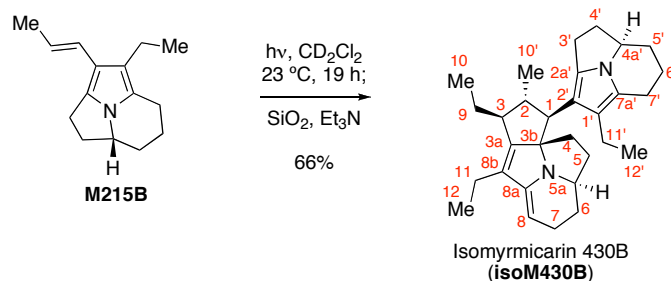


### B) Supplementary notes on HCl-induced dimerization of **M215B**:

#### Generation of HCl:

- Treatment of a dichloromethane-*d*<sub>2</sub> solution of **M215B** with hydrochloric acid (1.40 equiv) in the dark for 20 hours followed by filtration of the reaction mixture through triethylamine-pretreated silica gel provided **isoM430B** as the sole product in 30% yield.
- Irradiation of a dichloromethane-*d*<sub>2</sub> solution of **M215B** containing 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU, 2.60 equiv) for 10 hours returned exclusively **M215B**.
- Irradiation of a dichloromethane-*d*<sub>2</sub> solution of **M215B** containing 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy (TEMPO, 1.10 equiv) for 6 hours returned exclusively **M215B**.
- Reactions conducted in dichloromethane provided results identical to those conducted in dichloromethane-*d*<sub>2</sub>, indicating that photochemical generation of HCl versus DCl did not influence the outcome or rate of these transformations to an observable extent.

<sup>4</sup> For examples of nucleophile addition to alkenes under photochemical irradiation, see: (a) Moran, J.; Cebrowski, P. H.; Beauchemin, A. R. *J. Org. Chem.* **2008**, 73, 1004–1007. (b) Shim, S. C.; Kim, D. S.; Yoo, D. J.; Wada, T.; Inoue, Y. *J. Org. Chem.* **2002**, 67, 5718–5726. (c) Kropp, Paul J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1966**, 88, 4091–4092. (d) Marshall, J. A.; Carroll, R. D. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1966**, 88, 4092–4093. For a discussion of photochemically induced reactions of cycloalkenes, see: Marshall, J. A. *Science* **1970**, 170, 137–141.



### **Isomyrmicarin 430B (isoM430B):**

A sample of **M215B** (29.5 mg, 137  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 1 equiv) in neutralized, degassed dichloromethane- $d_2$  was sealed in an NMR tube under an argon atmosphere and was irradiated at 23  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 19 h. The resulting deep brown reaction mixture was filtered through silica gel neutralized with triethylamine (2.5%  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  and 2.5%  $\text{EtOAc}$  in hexanes, diam. 1.5 cm, ht. 13 cm) to afford **isoM430B** (19.4 mg, 66%) as a pale yellow oil. Isolated samples of **isoM430B** undergo complete decomposition after approximately four hours in degassed benzene- $d_6$  at 20  $^\circ\text{C}$ .

Samples for spectroscopic analysis were prepared immediately and high quality data was acquired within two hours of isolation. Complete assignment was possible with the aid of additional information from gCOSY, HSQC, gHMBC, and NOESY.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 20  $^\circ\text{C}$ ):

4.72 (dd,  $J = 7.3, 3.2$  Hz, 1H, C8-H), 3.45 (dq,  $J = 9.6, 6.4$  Hz, 1H, C5a-H), 3.22 (tdd,  $J = 10.5, 5.0, 3.6$  Hz, 1H, C4a'-H), 3.09 (dq,  $J = 14.5, 7.3$  Hz, 1H, C11'-H), 2.92 (d,  $J = 11.7$  Hz, 1H, C1-H), 2.69 (dd,  $J = 14.3, 7.8$  Hz, 1H, C3'-H<sub>t</sub>), 2.54–2.64 (m, 3H, C3'-H<sub>c</sub>, C11'-H', C7'-H<sub>c</sub>), 2.42 (ddd,  $J = 15.4, 13.1, 8.1$  Hz, 1H, C7'-H<sub>t</sub>), 2.18–2.30 (m, 5H, C11-H, C2-H, C7-H<sub>t</sub>, C3-H, C11-H'), 2.08–2.15 (m, 1H, C7-H<sub>c</sub>), 2.02 (dt,  $J = 11.5, 5.7$  Hz, 1H, C4'-H<sub>c</sub>), 1.86 (dt,  $J = 11.4, 5.6$  Hz, 1H, C4-H<sub>c</sub>), 1.78–1.86 (m, 1H, C6-H<sub>c</sub>), 1.48–1.68 (m, 8H, C9-H, C6'-H<sub>t</sub>, C5-H<sub>c</sub>, C9-H', C4'-H<sub>t</sub>, C5'-H<sub>c</sub>, C4-H<sub>t</sub>, C5-H<sub>t</sub>), 1.26–1.39 (m, 1H, C6'-H<sub>c</sub>), 1.24 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H, C12'-H), 1.22 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H, C10'-H), 1.17 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H, C12-H), 1.00–1.12 (m, 1H, C6-H<sub>t</sub>), 1.03 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H, C10-H), 0.89 (br q,  $J = 13.1$  Hz, 1H, C5'-H<sub>t</sub>).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 20  $^\circ\text{C}$ ):

155.7 (C8a), 152.7 (C3a), 132.4 (C8b), 126.7 (C2a'), 124.4 (C1'), 118.6 (C7a'), 112.3 (C2'), 89.1 (C8), 88.2 (C3b), 56.3 (C5a), 55.1 (C4a'), 54.1 (C1), 48.4 (C2), 45.2 (C3), 37.8 (C4'), 36.1 (C5), 31.8 (C4), 30.5 (C5'), 30.4 (C6), 29.5 (C9), 27.5 (C3'), 23.2 (C6'), 22.6 (C7), 20.9 (C7'), 20.2 (C10'), 19.4 (C11), 18.7 (C11'), 17.4 (C12'), 14.4 (C12), 13.5 (C10).

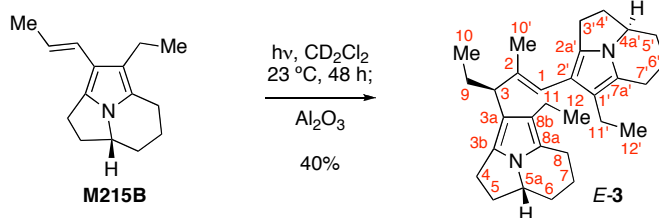
FTIR (thin film)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ :

2929 (s), 1737 (w), 1642 (w), 1454 (m), 1372 (w), 1320 (w), 1167 (w).

HRMS (ESI):

calc'd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{43}\text{N}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 431.3421,  
found: 431.3413.

TLC (2.5%  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  in [2.5%  $\text{EtOAc}$  in hexanes],  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  neutralized silica gel),  $R_f$ : 0.40 (UV, CAM).



### Hexacyclic Alkene 3:

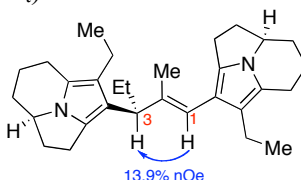
A solution of **M215B** (10.3 mg, 50.2  $\mu$ mol, 1 equiv) in neutralized, degassed dichloromethane- $d_2$  was sealed in an NMR tube under an argon atmosphere and was irradiated at 23  $^{\circ}$ C for 48 h. The resulting deep brown reaction mixture was filtered through neutral alumina gel (10% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane, diam. 1.5 cm, ht. 8.5 cm) to afford **E-3** (4.3 mg, 40%) as a white solid.

Highest quality spectra were obtained by immediate use of samples and complete assignment was possible with the aid of additional information from gCOSY, HSQC, and gHMBC.

#### Data for **E-3**:

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 20  $^{\circ}$ C):

6.65 (s, 1H, C1-H), 3.60 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 6.8 Hz, 1H, C3-H), 3.26–3.34 (m, 2H, C4a'-H, C5a-H), 2.54–2.79 (m, 9H, C4-H<sub>c</sub>, C4-H<sub>t</sub>, C11'-H, C11'-H', C11-H, C11-H', C7'-H<sub>c</sub>, C8-H<sub>c</sub>, C3'-H<sub>c</sub>), 2.38–2.49 (m, 3H, C3'-H<sub>t</sub>, C7'-H<sub>t</sub>, C8-H<sub>t</sub>), 2.06–2.14 (m, 1H, C9-H), 1.98–2.04 (m, 2H, C5-H<sub>c</sub>, C9-H'), 1.94 (s, 3H, C10'-H), 1.86–1.91 (m, 1H, C4'-H<sub>c</sub>), 1.58–1.69 (m, 3H, C6'-H<sub>t</sub>, C7-H<sub>t</sub>, C5-H<sub>t</sub>), 1.42–1.58 (m, 3H, C5'-H<sub>c</sub>, C6-H<sub>c</sub>, C4'-H<sub>t</sub>), 1.26–1.40 (m, 2H, C6'-H<sub>c</sub>, C7-H<sub>c</sub>), 1.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H, C12-H or C12'-H), 1.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H, C12-H or C12'-H), 1.18 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H, C10-H), 0.88 (br q,  $J$  = 11.5 Hz, 1H, C6-H<sub>t</sub>), 0.80 (br q,  $J$  12.2 Hz, 1H, C5'-H<sub>t</sub>).



nOe data (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 20  $^{\circ}$ C):

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 20  $^{\circ}$ C):

137.6 (C2), 128.9 (C2a'), 126.9 (C3b), 122.4 (C8b), 122.3 (C1'), 119.1 (C1), 118.9 (C8a), 118.4 (C7a'), 117.0 (C3a), 114.0 (C2'), 55.5 (C4a' or C5a), 55.0 (C4a' or C5a), 49.5 (C3), 37.8 (C4'), 37.4 (C5), 30.5 (C5' or C6), 30.4 (C5' or C6), 27.5 (C3'), 27.2 (C4), 26.7 (C9), 23.2 (C6' or C7), 23.0 (C6' or C7), 21.1 (C7' or C8), 21.0 (C7' or C8), 19.6 (C11'), 19.3 (C11), 17.0 (C12 or C12'), 16.9 (C12 or C12'), 16.0 (C10'), 13.9 (C10).

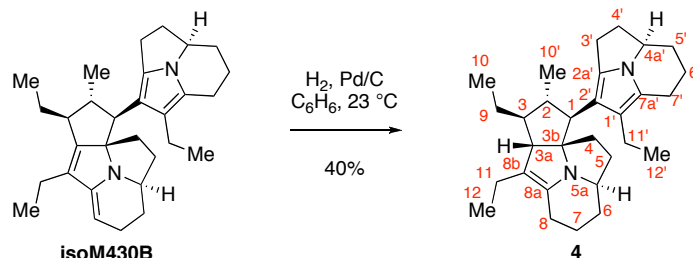
FTIR (thin film) cm<sup>-1</sup>:

2926 (s), 1699 (m), 1457 (m), 1378 (w), 1262 (w), 1089 (w).

HRMS (ESI):

calc'd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>43</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 431.3421,  
found: 431.3413.

TLC (15% EtOAc in hexanes, neutral alumina gel),  $R_f$ : 0.59 (UV, CAM).



### Heptacyclic Enamine 4:

A suspension of **isoM430B** (31.3 mg, 72.7  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 1 equiv) and Pd (10% on activated carbon, 62.6 mg, 200 wt%) in benzene (2.50 mL) was stirred vigorously under a dihydrogen atmosphere (1 atm) at 23  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 25 min. The reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of celite (EtOAc, diam. 0.6 cm, ht. 5.5 cm) and the reaction flask and plug were rinsed with additional portions of EtOAc ( $3 \times 3$  mL). The clear yellow filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 2.5%  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , 1.5% EtOAc, and 1.5%  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  in hexanes, diam. 1.5 cm, ht. 6 cm) to give **4** (12.7 mg, 40%) as a yellow oil. Samples of **4** in degassed benzene- $d_6$  undergo complete decomposition within four days at 20  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

High quality spectra were acquired within 24 hours of isolation. Complete assignment was possible with the aid of additional information from gCOSY, gHSQC, gHMBC, and gNOESY

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 20  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ):

3.31–3.37 (m, 1H, C4a'-H), 3.27 (d,  $J = 12.4$  Hz, 1H, C1-H), 3.15 (m, 1H, C5a-H), 3.08 (dq,  $J = 14.4, 7.4$  Hz, 1H, C11'-H), 2.96 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H, C3a-H), 2.57–2.70 (m, 4H, C11'-H', C7'-H<sub>c</sub>, C3'-H<sub>c</sub>, C3'-H<sub>t</sub>), 2.51 (ddd,  $J = 19.5, 15.3, 10.3$  Hz, 1H, C7'-H<sub>t</sub>), 2.34 (dt,  $J = 13.5, 4.5$  Hz, 1H, C8-H<sub>t</sub>), 2.19–2.28 (m, 2H, C11-H, C11-H'), 1.94–2.12 (m, 3H, C4'-H<sub>c</sub>, C4-H<sub>c</sub>, C8-H<sub>c</sub>), 1.70–1.91 (m, 7H, C6-H<sub>c</sub>, C2-H, C4'-H<sub>t</sub>, C6'-H<sub>t</sub>, C9-H, C9-H'), 1.50–1.70 (m, 3H, C3-H, C5'-H<sub>c</sub>, C5-H<sub>t</sub>), 1.33–1.46 (m, 4H, C6-H<sub>t</sub>, C7-H<sub>c</sub>, C4-H<sub>t</sub>, C6'-H<sub>c</sub>), 1.40 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H, C12'-H), 1.19–1.30 (m, 1H, C7-H<sub>t</sub>), 1.05–1.16 (m, 1H, C5-H<sub>c</sub>), 1.15 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 3H, C10'-H), 1.14 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H, C12-H), 1.09 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H, C10-H), 0.93 (br q,  $J = 12.2$  Hz, 1H, C5'-H<sub>t</sub>).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 20  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ):

139.3 (C8a), 127.8 (C2a'), 123.6 (C1'), 118.2 (C7a'), 115.7 (C8b), 115.0 (C2'), 82.5 (C3b), 63.4 (C3a), 59.9 (C5a), 57.0 (C1), 55.2 (C4a'), 54.3 (C3), 44.2 (C2), 38.0 (C4'), 35.8 (C4), 30.3 (C5'), 29.4 (C5), 27.4 (C6), 26.9 (C3'), 25.3 (C9), 24.5 (C8), 23.2 (C6'), 21.1 (C7'), 21.0 (C7), 19.9 (C11), 19.0 (C11'), 18.2 (C10'), 17.6 (C12'), 14.7 (C12), 10.9 (C10).

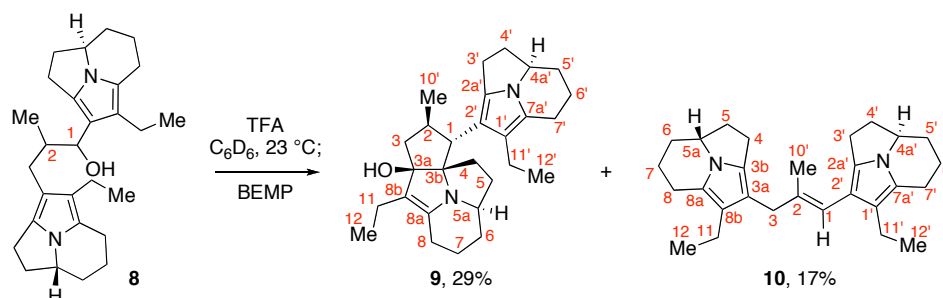
FTIR (thin film)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ :

2919 (s), 1660 (m), 1456 (m), 1265 (w), 1167 (w), 737 (m).

HRMS (ESI):

calc'd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 433.3577,  
found: 433.3593.

TLC (2.5%  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  in [2.5% EtOAc in hexanes],  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  neutralized silica gel),  $R_f$ : 0.42 (UV, CAM).



### Heptacyclic Alcohol 9 and Hexacyclic Alkene 10:

A solution of alcohol **8**<sup>5</sup> (11.4 mg, 27.0  $\mu$ mol, 1 equiv) in benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub> (810  $\mu$ L) at 23  $^{\circ}$ C was degassed thoroughly by passage of a stream of argon. A solution of trifluoroacetic acid (TFA, 2.08  $\mu$ L, 27.0  $\mu$ mol, 1.00 equiv) in benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub> (40.0  $\mu$ L) was added in four equal portions at three minute intervals. After 5 h, the NMR tube was moved into a glovebox and the bright yellow reaction mixture was transferred to a flask containing 2-*tert*-butylimino-2-diethylamino-1,3-dimethyl-perhydro-1,3,2-diazaphosphorine (BEMP, 50.0 mg, 111  $\mu$ mol, 4.10 equiv) under dinitrogen atmosphere. The resulting suspension was stirred vigorously for 30 min and the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of cotton. The filtrate was removed from the glovebox and concentrated under reduced pressure, and the yellow residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 2.5% Et<sub>3</sub>N, 2.5 $\rightarrow$ 40% EtOAc in hexanes, diam. 1.5 cm, ht. 18 cm) to give heptacyclic alcohol **9** (3.3 mg, 29%) hexacyclic alkene **10** (1.8 mg, 17%) as pale yellow oils.

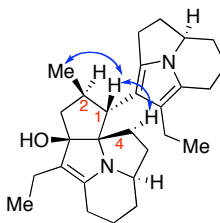
Heptacyclic alcohol **9** underwent immediate and complete decomposition upon exposure to neutral alumina gel and partial decomposition upon extended exposure (>15 min) to triethylamine-neutralized silica gel. Hexacyclic alkene **10** also underwent partial decomposition upon extended exposure (>10 min) to triethylamine-neutralized silica gel. Separation of **9** and **10** was achieved by rapid elution of **10** (<1 min) followed by swift progressive increase in the polarity of the eluent (<10 min total for full elution of **9**).

Data for heptacyclic alcohol **9**:

Best spectra were obtained by immediate use of samples and complete assignment was possible with the aid of additional information from gCOSY, gHSQC, gHMBC, and gNOESY.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 20  $^{\circ}$ C): 3.39 (tdd, *J* = 10.7, 5.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H, C4a'-H), 2.96 (ddd, *J* = 15.3, 11.1, 6.3 Hz, 1H, C3'-H<sub>c</sub>), 2.75 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H, C3'-H<sub>t</sub>), 2.56–2.63 (m, 4H, C7'-H<sub>c</sub>, C11'-H, C11'-H', C5a-H), 2.52 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H, C1-H), 2.38–2.46 (m, 3H, C4-H<sub>t</sub>, C7'-H<sub>t</sub>, C3-H<sub>c</sub>), 2.22–2.26 (m, 1H, C8-H<sub>t</sub>), 2.06–2.19 (m, 4H, C11-H, C2-H, C11-H', C4'-H<sub>c</sub>), 1.81 (td, *J* = 12.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H, C8-H<sub>c</sub>), 1.54–1.76 (m, 6H, C6-H<sub>c</sub>, C4-H<sub>c</sub>, C6'-H<sub>t</sub>, C4'-H<sub>t</sub>, C5'-H<sub>c</sub>, C3-H<sub>t</sub>), 1.30–1.42 (m, 3H, C6-H<sub>t</sub>, C7-H<sub>c</sub>, C6'-H<sub>c</sub>), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H, C12'-H), 1.18–1.27 (m, 2H, C5-H<sub>t</sub>, C7-H<sub>t</sub>), 1.13 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H, C12-H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H, C10'-H), 0.90–1.00 (m, 1H, C5-H<sub>c</sub>), 0.89 (br q, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H, C5'-H<sub>t</sub>).

<sup>5</sup> The corresponding C1 ketone was synthesized as a 1:1 mixture of C2 epimers; lithium aluminum hydride reduction produced **8** as an inseparable mixture of four diastereomers in a ratio of 5:9:5:8.



Select gNOESY data (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 20 °C):

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 20 °C):

145.2 (C8a), 129.7 (C2a'), 123.3 (C1'), 117.4 (C7a'), 115.1 (C8b), 111.1 (C2'), 92.0 (C3a), 86.1 (C3b), 59.4 (C5a), 55.5 (C4a'), 55.0 (C1), 48.7 (C3), 37.5 (C4'), 35.3 (C2), 30.3 (C5'), 29.5 (C4), 28.4 (C3'), 28.4 (C5), 27.7 (C6), 24.8 (C8), 23.2 (C6'), 21.2 (C7'), 20.6 (C7), 19.1 (C11'), 18.4 (C10'), 18.1 (C11), 17.8 (C12), 17.4 (C12').

FTIR (thin film) cm<sup>-1</sup>:

3455 (br m), 2952 (s), 1727 (m), 1673 (m), 1455 (s), 1025 (m).

HRMS (ESI):

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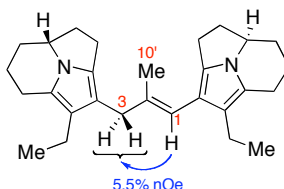
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Data for hexacyclic alkene **10**:

Best spectra were obtained by immediate use of samples and complete assignment was possible with the aid of additional information from gCOSY, HSQC, and gHMBC.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 20 °C):

6.63 (s, 1H, C1-H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H, C3-H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H, C3-H'), 3.28–3.35 (m, 2H, C4a'-H, C5a-H), 2.50–2.75 (m, 9H, C4-H<sub>c</sub>, C4-H<sub>t</sub>, C11-H, C11-H', C11'-H, C11'-H', C7'-H<sub>c</sub>, C8-H<sub>c</sub>, C3'-H<sub>c</sub>), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 8.1 Hz, 1H, C3'-H<sub>t</sub>), 2.36–2.47 (m, 2H, C7'-H<sub>t</sub>, C8-H<sub>t</sub>), 2.04 (s, 3H, C10'-H), 2.01 (dt, *J* = 11.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H, C5-H<sub>c</sub>), 1.94 (dt, *J* = 11.4, 5.7, 1H, C4'-H<sub>c</sub>), 1.56–1.71 (m, 3H, C6'-H<sub>t</sub>, C7-H<sub>t</sub>, C5-H<sub>t</sub>), 1.46–1.56 (m, 3H, C5'-H<sub>c</sub>, C6-H<sub>c</sub>, C4'-H<sub>t</sub>), 1.25–1.42 (m, 2H, C6'-H<sub>c</sub>, C7-H<sub>c</sub>), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H, C12-H or C12'-H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H, C12-H or C12'-H), 0.87 (br q, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H, C5'-H<sub>t</sub> or C6-H<sub>t</sub>), 0.81 (br q, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H, C5'-H<sub>t</sub> or C6-H<sub>t</sub>).



nOe data (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 20 °C):

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 20 °C):

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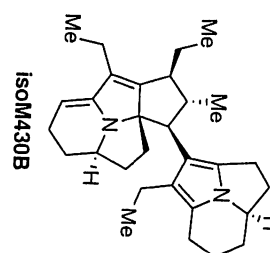
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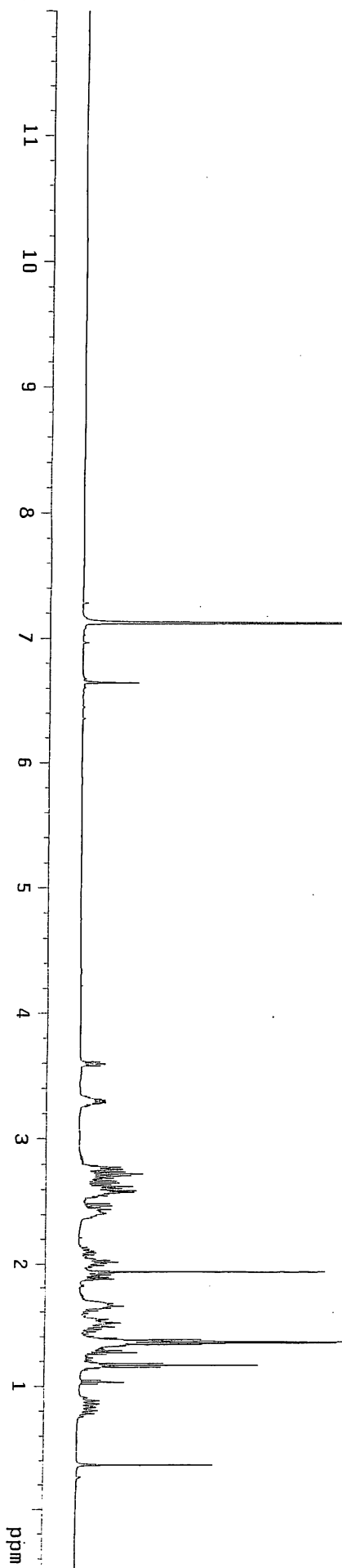
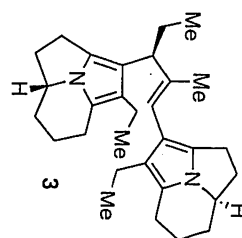




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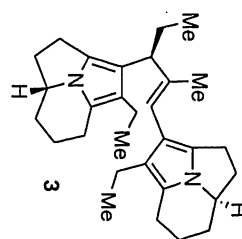


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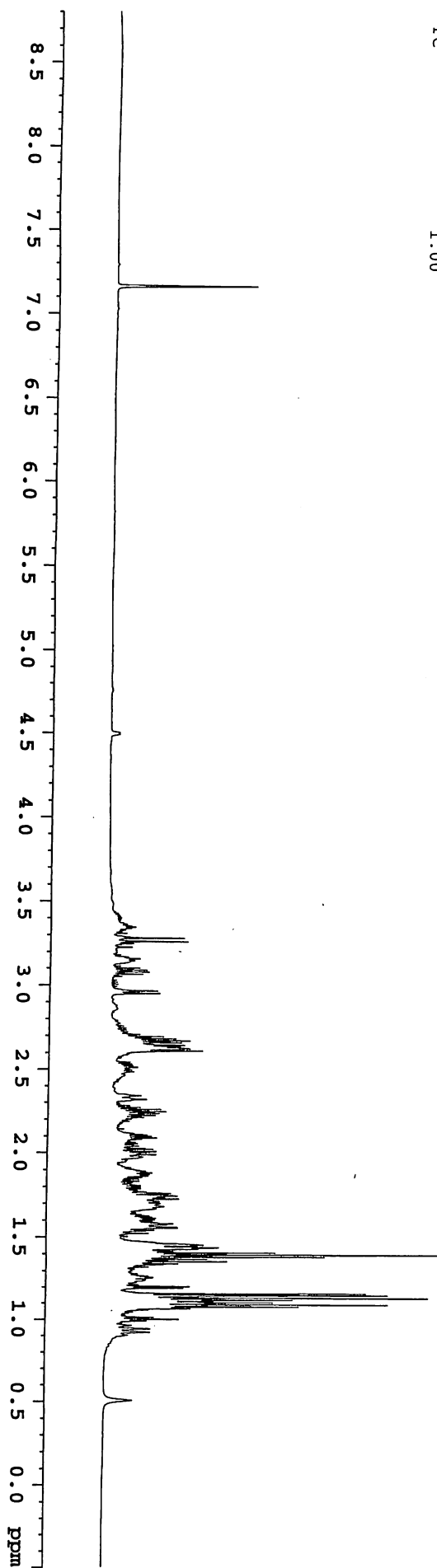
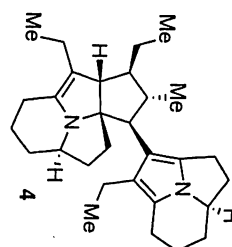
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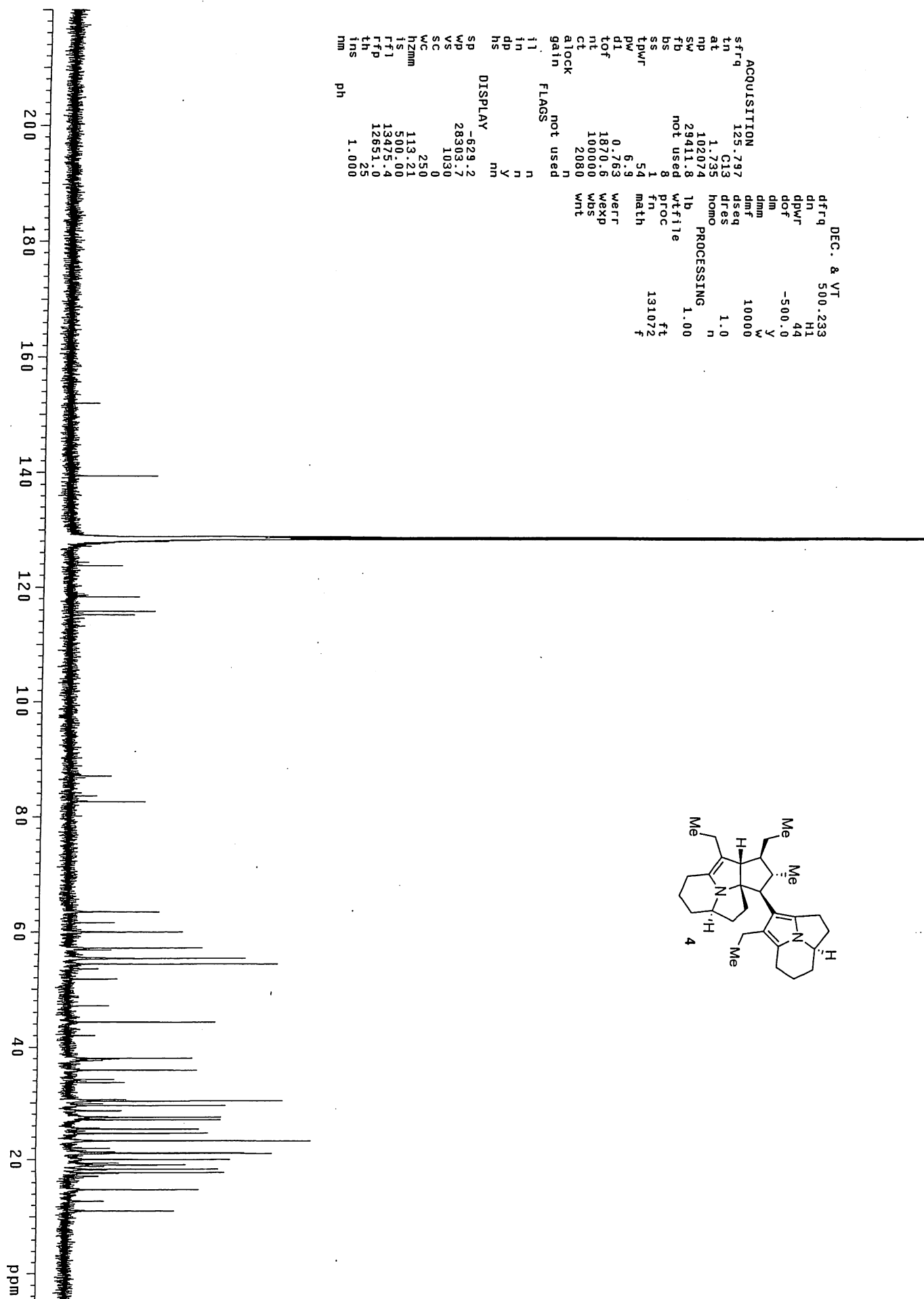
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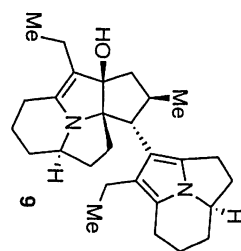
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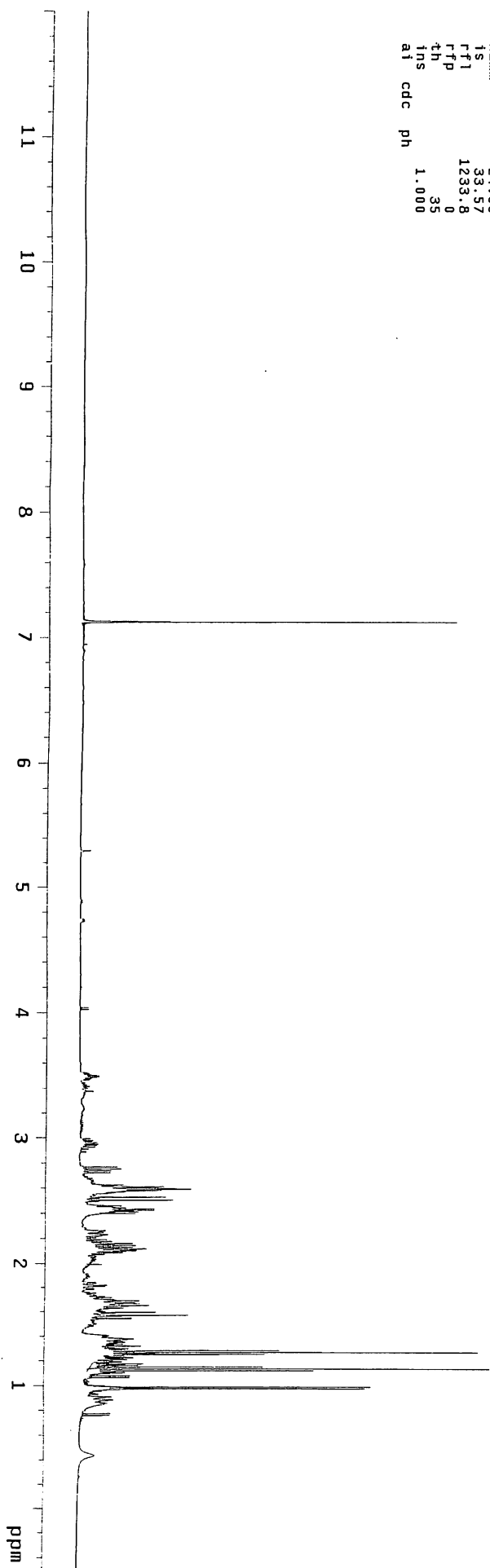
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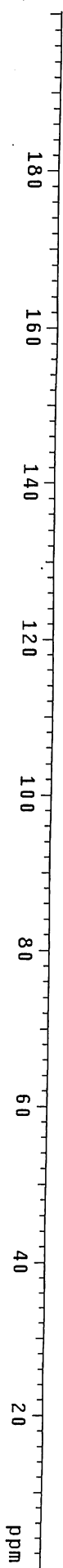
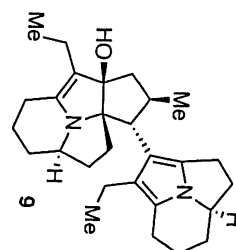




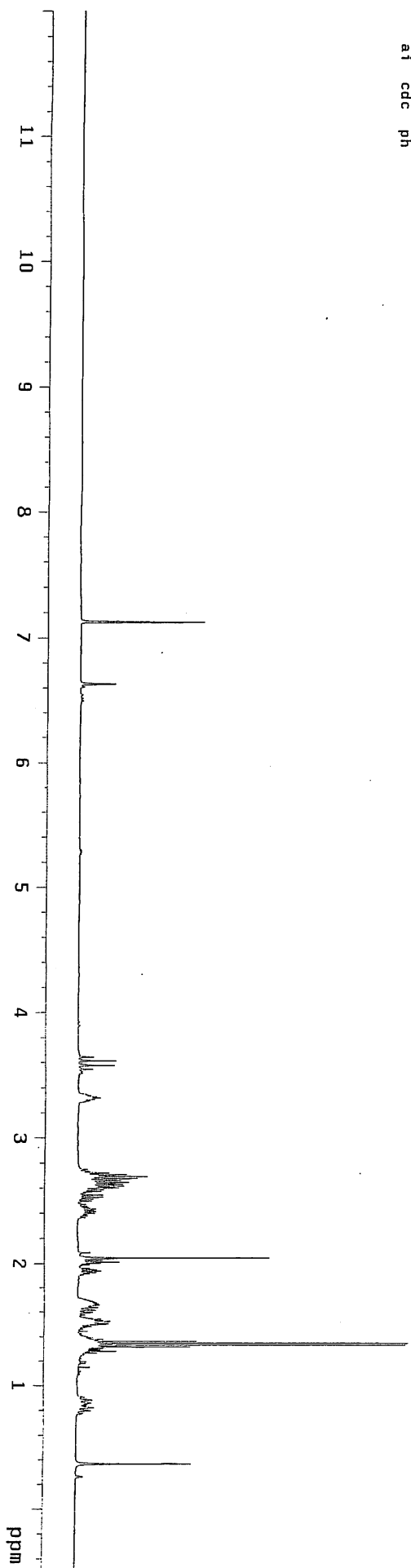
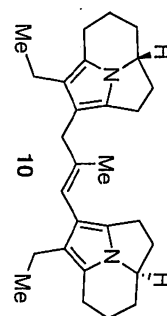
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